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To whom it may concern:

I am writing to express my displeasure with the proposed Microsoft Settlement. The simplest reason is that there is no effective enforcement laid out within the scope of the settlement. Basically, it seems that Microsoft is free to break the rules with nothing but another long court case as a possible repercussion. All the while, Microsoft is free to continue eroding the competition until it is next to impossible to revive.

In addition, the main way that Microsoft has established and maintained its monopoly is by creating an Applications Barrier to Entry. The sections of the settlement do little to prevent Microsoft from continuing this behavior. The key area for this would be to establish that Microsoft not only open its API layer, but also any data formats that it develops. In this way, they cannot prevent rival applications from developing software that is compatible with their system or their applications.

Thank you for your attention.

"...if you drink much from a bottle marked
'poison,' it is almost certain to disagree
with you, sooner or later." - Lewis Carroll

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